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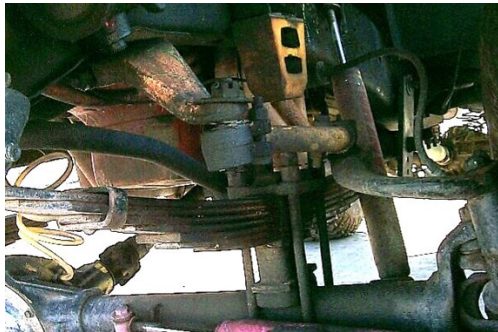
New Manual Seminars:

When the new manual has been approved, we will have seminars throughout the State to explain the changes and answer questions. Please watch the website when you log in to do inspections for this information. We are still waiting approval and do not have a date of when this will be completed yet. We appreciate your patience while it is finalized.

Dodge Leaf Springs

Our office has received several calls regarding blocks with the leaf springs in Dodge Ram trucks. The manual clarifies stacked blocks on page 31. It is under Altered Vehicles, B. Raising Vehicles, #4 where it states a vehicle shall be rejected, "when: 2) There are stacked blocks on the rear axle." Please understand this refers to stacked blocks. The Ram has a plate at the bottom of the leaf springs to stabilize them. This is not a stacked block. The pictures below show the difference between a factory setup and a stacked block.

Stacked Block:



Factory Leaf Springs:



Safety Inspection Manual Revisions:

The current Safety Inspection Manual indicates that it is effective January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2012. The safety inspection requirements and procedures listed in the current manual will remain in effect until revisions to the administrative rules related to safety inspections are completed. We hope to have these revisions completed soon. We have completed the draft and are currently awaiting approval.

Inspecting Vehicles with CNG Fuel Systems

While taking the undercover CNG vehicle around the State, we are learning of a few concerns. Unfortunately, it appears some inspectors are uncomfortable with inspecting the CNG system. The manual identifies seven items that need to be checked on all CNG vehicles. They include the need to check the following: 1) fuel leakage 2) filler cap 3) unsecure items 4) damage 5) any hazard 6) labeling 7) certification. Please read over the manual to familiarize yourself with the specifics. The main question we get is in reference to the certification. All CNG vehicles must be certified by a CNG inspector every three years or 36,000 miles. When conducting a safety inspection, each inspector must ask the owner for proof that the CNG system has been inspected. If it has been inspected, the owner should have a piece of paper indicating a date and mileage of inspection. If it falls within the three years or 36,000 miles, it is good. If the owner does not have this verification or it is beyond that time frame, it must be rejected. It is the owner's responsibility to have this information.

Fees:

Some of the fees have changed in our office. They are as follows:

Fee	Previously	Now
Inspection Station Annual Renewal	25.00	7.00
Inspector Renewal	10.00	4.50
Replacement of Lost Inspector Card	20.00	1.00
New Inspector Application	10.00	7.00

Owner Information:

The DMV is no longer putting the registered owner's name and address on the registration. This includes the permanent, temporary, and limited use forms. We have received several calls on what inspectors should do. All new forms from the DMV will be this way, so the only way to gather the registered owner's information is by asking the person that brought the vehicle in. We understand the information inspectors are given may not be entirely correct. We only ask that the inspectors make an effort to put the correct information down.